Statement

Cases (Category wise) For Forest Land Under FC Act, 1980 regarding proposals from States lying pending with Government for approval during the period 25.10.1980 to 21.11.2007

State: **ALL STATES**

Case Status: **PENDING WITH-GOI** AS ON: **1/11/2007**

CATEGORY OF PROJECT	Number of Cases PENDING WITH GOI
Defence	4
Dispensary/Hospital	0
Disputed Settlement Claims	0
Drinking Water	2
Encroachments	7
Forest Village Conversion	1
Hydel	6
Irrigation	48
Mining	102
Others	119
Railway	5
Rehabilitation	4
Road	64
School	4
Thermal	4
Transmission Line	26
Vill. Elec.	1
Wind Power	3
TOTAL	400

Clean up programmes for rivers

1065. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to increase sanitation and clean up programmes for rivers all over the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that surveys have found that rivers are uniformly polluted all over the country;

(c) whether any fund has been allotted for clean up of rivers in the Southern States in 2006-07 and in the current year; and

(d) the full details of the funding given for such projects in the Southern States and proposals for 2007 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) According to a study conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board, 71 polluted stretches of rivers have been identified across the country with Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), a key indicator for organic pollution, greater than 6 mg/L. The First River Action Plan *i.e.* the Ganga Action Plan was taken up by the Ministry of Environment & Forests in 1985. Since then its scope has increased to cover all the major rivers of the country in stages and the programme was renamed as National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) in 1995. At present the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of NRCP covers 164 towns along polluted stretches of 35 identified rivers spread over 20 States in the country at an approved cost of Rs. 4793 crore.

The pollution abatement works undertaken under NRCP include interception and diversion works to capture the raw sewage flowing into the rivers for treatment, installation of Sewage Treatment Plants, creation of low cost sanitation facilities, Electric/improved wood crematoria, River Front Development etc.

(c) and (d) The fund releases for various types of pollution abatement works in rivers made under NRCP by the Central Government in respect of the four southern states namely, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala during the year 2006-07 and in the current financial year upto October, 2007 are as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State	2006-07	2007-08 (Till Oct. 2007)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	47.85	31.15
2.	Karnataka	0.00	0.00
3.	Tamil Nadu	82.72	11.78
4.	Kerala	0.00	1.00
	GRAND TOTAL:	130.57	43.93

Yamuna river bed

1066. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court directed Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), etc. to maintain Yamuna river bed as a water body or wetland;

(b) if so, the measures taken to comply the court's order; and

(c) the action taken to remove all unauthorised structures from the river bed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.